Cotton under Crop Insurance Scheme

†851. SHRI PYARELAL KHANDELWAL: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the crops covered under the Crop Insurance Scheme;

(b) whether it is a fact that main like cotton has not been covered under Crop Insurance Scheme; and

(c) the details of the incentives to be given for production of cotton in the country and specially in Madhya Pradesh and Chhattisgarh?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTI LAL BHURIA): (a) Under the National Agricultural Insurance Scheme (NAIS) following three broad groups of crops are covered:

(i) Food crops (i.e. cereals, millets and Pulses).

(ii) Oilseeds.

(iii) Annual commercial/horticultural crops (*i.e.* sugarcane, potato, cotton, ginger, onion, turmeric, chillies, pine-apple, annual banana, Jute and tapioca).

(b) Cotton crop is covered under NAIS.

(c) Government is implementing Intensive Cotton Development Programme under Mini Mission-II of Technology Mission on Cotton (ICDP-Cotton) in 13 States including State of Madhya Pradesh. However, the scheme is not implemented in Chhattisgarh. Under the scheme assistance is provided for production of foundation/certified seeds, production and supply of Breeder seeds to seeds producing agencies; distribution of certified seeds to farmers; training of extension worker/farmers' supply of water saving devices *i.e.* sprinkler sets, drip irrigation system; Integrated Pest Management (IPM).

In order to disseminate improved production and plant protection technology to farmers Front Line Demonstrations are organized by the concerned agencies.

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